(c) whether Government propose to legalise by means of a constitutional amendment the assurance given by the Former Prime Minister Jawararlal Nehru regarding Hindi in non-Hindi speaking regions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The scheme for setting up Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages that most of the students admitted would have been taught prior to their admission to such Vidyalayas through the medium of the mother tongue or the regional language. Instruction will therefore be provided through the same medium upto class VII or VIII, during which time intensive teaching of Hindi/English, both as language subjects and co-media, will be undertaken. Thereafter, the common medium would be Hindi/English in all Navodaya Vidyalayas. An important feature of the Scheme is the migration of a given percentage of students from one Navodaya Vidyalaya to another located in a different language area, after pupils complete class VIII. This feature requires the adoption of common media throughout the country in the Navodaya Vidyalaya system.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Ancient monuments under the control of ASI

1473. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take to present the grabbing of ancient mounments which are under the control of Archaeological Survey of India, by unscrupulous persons and bodies in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Besides taking recourse to the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, to present grabbing of ancient monuments under its control, the Archaeological Survey of India has taken steps for:—

(i) demarcating and fencing the protected area of ancient monuments wherever required;

(ii) augmenting the strength of staff posted at the ancient monuments and ensuring effecting watch & ward;

(iii) udertaking of periodic inspection of monuments; and

(iv) enlisting the help of local administration.

States to share railway projects financially

1474. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railways have asked the State Governments to share the burden of expenditure in execution of railway projects; and

(b) if so, the names of the States which have responded favourably to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It has been suggested to State Governments asking for provision of Mass Rapid Transit System in their cities to agree to a "Consortium approach" for funding of such projects.

(b) Maharashtra State Government has agreed to bear 67 per cent of the cost in case of Mankhurd-Belapur Line.

Madras Rapid Transit System Project

1475. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway have asked the Tamil Nadu Government to share the expenditure of MRTS Project in Madras; and

(b) if so, under what principle this scheme is sponsored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The responsibility for development of metropolitan transport systems for cities should devolve on different local agencies including the State Government, such projects being largely meant for socio-economic activity of the city. World over, metropolitan transit systems are generally run by local authorities who share investment needed for developing them. It is in this context that it has been suggested to the Tamil Nadu State Government to consider sharing cost of Madras MRTS Project. Maharashtra Government has already agreed to sharing the cost for a similar project in Bombay.

Railway wagons for Gujarat

1476. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industries have sent a memorandum to the Railways to allot more wagons and rakes for the transportation of coal to the various industrial centres of Gujarat; and

(b) whether any representation from any other source has been received by the railways from Gujarat if so, the details thereof and action taken on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representations have also been received from others including State Government, members of parliament and associations representing various industries. It has been explained to them that whatever coal is offered by the coal companies is being moved by railways.

Treft of wireless set of the D.T.C.

1477. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a theft of a wireless set of the Delhi Transport Corporation from its Lajpat Nagar Booth on 21st October, 1986;

(b) if so, the circumstances in which the wireless set was stolen; and

(c) whether investigations into the theft of the wirless set have been completed, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under investigation by the Police authorities.

Primary health centres in rural areas

1478. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of States which have set up primary health centres in all panchayats;

(b) whether this has been achieved due to liberal financial support from central plans; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to provide primary health centres in all panchayats of the country to promote family welfare schemes and also to provide basic medical facilities to the rural folk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Primary Health Centres are not established in every Panchayat. As per present norms these centres are being established by all the States/UTs for every 30,000 rural